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Paris paper names 32 as CIA agents

PARIS [UPI]—The extreme left-wing newspaper Liberation Tuesday published the names of 32 persons it claims are Central Intelligence Agency agents operating out of the United States Embassy.

In many cases, the newspaper printed the addresses, post office boxes, or phone numbers of the alleged spies.

The paper said the list was compiled after a long investigation by Liberation reporters helped by Americans "disgusted by clandestine intervention of their government throughout the world."

Liberation said it was cooperating with the American magazine Counterspy, which last year published the names of alleged CIA bureau chiefs throughout the world.

"WE DON'T wish anyone to meet death," Liberation said in reference to the slaying last month of Richard Welch, the CIA station chief in Athens. Welch was shot to death by three gunmen after Counterspy and an Athens newspaper named him as a CIA chief.

The paper, which has a running feud with the largely pro-Moscow French Communist Party, challenged the alleged station chief—described as an Ivy League graduate—to publish the names of KGB agents in France.

LIBERATION SAID it would publish the Soviet names and claimed CIA and KGB agents knew each other well and that the first act of a CIA station chief in Moscow was to tip off Soviet authorities about his arrival.

Liberation, which assails both right-wing and orthodox Communist policies, is a far-left political publication launched by the existentialist philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre. He has since ended his cooperation with the morning paper.

Of the 32 reported CIA agents 22 are men and 10 are women.